## **REMARKS**

Claims 2-6 and 12-14 are canceled. Claims 1 and 7-11 are pending. No new matter is believed to be introduced by the amendment. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for examination on the merits.

Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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